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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJ: NAMIBIA: WESTERN FIVE RESPONSE TO SWAPO LETTER

REF: USUN 0017

1. CONTACT GROUP DRAFTED PM JANUARY 4 FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER (PARA 2) TO BE GIVEN TO SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB IN NEW YORK IN RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM SWAPO CONTAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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REFTEL. ALL FIVE, EXCEPT BRITISH, HAVE APPROVED TEXT. BRITISH WILL ADVISE AM JANUARY 5.

2. FOR LUSAKA: EMBASSY SHOULD CONSULT WITH WESTERN FIVE COLLEAGUES AND PREPARE TO PRESENT TEXT OF RESPONSE TO SWAPO AS SOON AS BRITISH PROVIDE THE GREEN LIGHT.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER, WHICH IS TO BE SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 3, IN WHICH YOU ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS ON NAMIBIA BUT PROPOSED THAT THE TALKS START ON THE 30TH OF JANUARY PREFERABLY IN LUSAKA. OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE BUT WOULD ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER THEIR SUGGESTIONS FOR TIME AND VENUE, I.E. JANUARY 17TH IN NEW YORK.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, OUR GOVERNMENTS' DESIRE TO HOLD CONCURRENT TALKS WITH THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES CONCERNED CONSIDERABLY RESTRICTS THE CHOICE OF POSSIBLE VENUES. MOREOVER, ONLY IN NEW YORK WILL A BROAD RANGE OF UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS. AS REGARDS TIMING, WE DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN LUSAKA THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH ARGUE FOR AN EARLY MEETING.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR EXPRESSED NEED FOR ADEQUATE TIME TO CONSULT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS WHICH OUR FIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENTS INTEND TO MAKE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT NEED AND INTEND TO MAKE THE PROPOSALS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE TALKS.

OUR GOVERNMENTS EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCEAND THEIR SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT THE SITE AND DATE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

SINCERELY, ANDREW YOUNG YOUNG

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